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Some Think It Is the Hatfield Treasure, but Mel Wygant Has Got It and He and His Friends Guarded It Over Night With Bulldogs and Shotguns Half Bushel of the Coins, Worth, Maybe, \$10,000; Maybe \$40,000 -Findin's Keepin's Wygant Thinks

In a safe place on the premises of Melville E. Wygant of Port Richmond, Staten Island, is a great pile of gold coins. There are American double eagles, English sovereigns, Spanish doubloons and many smaller coins in a glittering heap, enough of them to fill a half-bushel measure. As the native Staten Islander reflects upon the undoubted fact that all this hoard has rested for half a century in the basement of a ramshackle old house, deserted much of the time, he contemplates himself with aversion and amazed disgust.

According to the best belief of the historians of the neighborhood the money was buried by John D. Hatfield, who died in 1856. John D. Hatfield lived long and waxed rich, but he did not achieve the affection, or, if truth must be told, the high opinion of his neighbors. It is broadly instructive to try to get an old Staten Islander to define the moral standing of the Hatfields of two or three generations ago. They have no hesitation in formulating the belief that John Hatfield had the disposition, by all traditional accounts, to have kept the secret of the hidden money from his heirs, just for the fun of knowing that, however much they might need it in days to come, they never would know they had it in their possession.

As to the source of the wealth of John Hatfield there is a lack of information They say that he went away on distant journeys from time to time in the first half of this century and came back the richer of this century and came back the richer each time by a great store of bullion and jewelry. That, at least, is the tradition. But tradition does not record that be ever told any one how he acquired these valuables or that he ever professed to follow any trade but that of farmer.

And in a minute brought up his hand again. His fist was full of shining gold coins. They stuck out between his fingers, which were so full that a zoin or two dropped back into the hole as he lifted his hand.

Wygant had been thoughful enough to bring a number of feed sacks out with him in the wagon. He sent the men for it and the work of cleaning out the underground. any trade but that of farmer.

The first two Hatfields came to these shores in 1750. One of them was James. He settled in Staten Island, near Port Richmond. The other went out into New Jersey. John D. Hatfield was the son of James. Jacob Hatfield, who died in 1892, was the son of John D. He left three daughters and one son. All of these four are now

living. John J. Hatfield, the only living male heir, was not saving. It is reported that when his father died he was worth something like \$50,000, but his fortune was most likely less than half as much. At present stable.

Soon after the death of his father John flourished in the Tenderloin in the first a quart or so in them.

"What's in them?" I asked him.

"What's in them?" I asked him. Soon after the purchase the police closed the place, and soon after that Mr. Hatfield began earning his bread in the sweat of his brow.

year ago and was bought by Charles Rosenfeld, who is a dry goods merchant in Manhattan and a public-spirited citizen of Richmond borough. Recently Mr. Rosenfeld arranged to have the place cut up into building lots and has been studying on a list of names from which to select one for his new suburb. His plans for the de-velopment of the property required the removal of the old farmhouse. He sold the whole house to Mr. Darcey on condition that it should be removed by sundown to-day. Mr. Rosenfeld had heard the yarns about the hoards of money that the Hatfields of old were said to have hidden Hatfields of old were said to have hidden in the ground or in the building. He laughed at the stories, but he was cautious enough to insert in his agreement with Mr. Darcey a provision to the effect that Mr. Darcey was authorized to remove nothing except building materials. "If any money, iewelry or other articles of value shall be discovered in said building," ran the contract, "they had be a proving the propagate of wall possess." shall remain the property of said Rosen-

Jacob Hatfield, who died in 1892, was friendly with his children, but up to the time of the late Jacob the rule had not held true in the Hatfield family, Just before his death Jacob called his son and daughters about him and gave them much good advice about the property that was to come into their hands. He went over all the the bounds of possibility that his father-in-law would have kept silence about the hoard in the cellar if he knew anything

Mr. Darcev stripped the outside of the building off down to the rough-hewn tim-bers and then lost interest in his contract. It was quite apparent to him that there

it was quite apparent to him that there was no hoard of gold there and he went forth looking for a sub-contractor. He found "Mel" Wygant.

Mr. Wygant owns a livery stable and does a general hauling business. He is regarded by Port Richmond as having in his veins the nearest to that fluid which is known in the world at large as sporting blood. They say of him with admiration

"I tell you what I will do," said Mr. Wy-gam to Mr. Darcey. "I'll take the job of getting the rest of that building away from there before Friday, sundown, and

give you \$10 for it. That's more than it is with a promptness which he now looks back upon with melancholy.
Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Wygant, with

City Magistrate's Court, went to the wreck of the old house, accompanied by some workmen They began pulling down the trainework of the house. It seemed to Mr. Wygant that the big old fashioned chimney at the end of the house might be a source of some danger to the workmen unless it was pulled down. He rigged a tackle and hitched a pair of horses to it and pulled the chimney over. The base of as this control of the chimney over. takeked up some at the foundations, as it felt. The workmen left off for the day Mr. Redmond and Mr. Wygant walked member of Jacob Hatfield's ramily. around the failen chimney idiy. Redmond stooped and picked up something. He looked at it for a moment and then hur-

ick it i his pocket, isked Mr Wygant, "what did Redmond is a gentleman with a

broad unemotional countenance. He re-

FOUND A POT OF GOLD.

| garded Mr. W. gant with eyes that were hid behind lids almost closed "Go on. Jacks," sid Mr. Wygant, "tell me what you found."

"Go, chase yourself," retorted Mr. Red-mond.

"Go, chase yourself," retorted Mr. Redmond.

The conversation kept up much on those lines until they parted in front of Mr. Wygant's stable on sewett avenue.

Farly on Wednesday morning Mr. Wygant went after Mr. Redmond again.

"Do you really went to know. Mel, what I found?" asked Mr. Redmond. "It was this."

his."
Mr. Redmond held up in front of Mr.

Wygant's starting eyes an English half sovereign. "Jerusalem crickets!" exclaimed Mr. "Jerusalem crickets;" exclaimed Mr.
Wygant, "I haven't been able to sleep all
night for fear it was just that."

This was at half past 8 o'clock. At 9 Mr.
Wygant, Mr. Redmond, John Dermody,
one of Mr. Wygant's stablemen, and several
other stable helpers were on their way to
the Hatfield place in a rain that was drenching them to the skip.

ing them to the skin.

The workmen cautiously excavated around the bottom of the chimney. The house itself was built against a side hill, an i the cellar sloped. Most of it was not floored over, but a space of ten feet in da neter around the fireplace was covered with boards. This flooring when ripped up disclosed a number of grayestones. One of ng them to the skin. around the freplace was covered with boards. This flooring when ripped up dis-closed a number of gravestones. One of them was the headstone which had marked the last resting place of Ethel Hatfield, who died in 1866. Another was the headstone from the grave of John D. Hatfield himself. It was marked with the date of his death,

1856. Under the stones the hearthstone of the fireplace, which had once been at the base of the chimney, was firmly set in ce-ment. It took all day long to dig down through the flagging of the hearth and the rubble underneath.

THE TREASURE FOUND.

The point of Dermody's pick dropped into a cavity at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The hole was cautiously enlarged until it was big enough to afford a glimpse into the opening. Mel Wygant got down on all fours and squinted. He rose, white and shaking.

We've struck it," he said. We ve struck it," he said.

He grabbed the pick out of Dermody's hand and pushed the rest of the men back while he chipped away a little more of the masonry. Then he thrust his hand down into the hole. He turned and looked up to the chipped away as a little mason of the mason of the mason of the mason of the chipped away as a little mason of the mason of at his companions with enlarging eyes and in a minute brought up his hand again.

the work of cleaning out the underground

vault began.

Before Mel Wygant had fairly unleaded the gold in his stable friends were coming around to ask questions and to ask for a look. They found the liveryman laboring under intense excitement, which seemed to increase with every visitor. He sent out for a case of champagne to steady his nerves and to celebrate with. The more he thought the less safe he thought the gold was, when so many people knew of its existence. He asked Mr. Redmond to help him guard it. He stowed the coin, some of it still in the bags in which he had taken it from the vault and some of it in boxes and cans, in all sorts of crannies about the little office in one corner of his

he is at work in the Standard Oil works at Bayonne at a, wage of approximately \$1.50 a day. Nobody is sadder or angrier about the gold which Mr. Wygant has found than is John J. Hatfield of Bayonne.

Soon after the death of his father John Soon after the death of his father John
J. Hatfield exchanged as much equity in
the ancestral home as still remained to him
for the Broadway Garden, a resort which
flourished in the Tenderloin in the first

"He ran his hand down into one of them "He ran his hand down into one of them and pulled out a fistful of gold coins and dropped it back again without a word. Then he showed me a copper kettle that was full of coins. He said that he had found that in the vault with the coins in it. But he would not tell me a thing about what the amount of it all was."

SHOTGUNS AND BULLDOGS GUARD THE GOLD Mr. Redmond returned to Mr. Wygant's house with two of the flercest bulldogs on the North Shore and a shotgun. The on the North Shore and a Shorgim. The entire heard was hauled out into the middle of the barn floor and surrounded with a semi-circle of chairs. A lantern was put beside each chair. Mr. Wygant got his own shotgun and sent his men out to borrow more. Six men sat around the gold pile all night long with the guns across their knees and with revolvers at their feet, cocked, while the bulldogs snored away with their noses resting on the money bags. Between talking of their great bags. Between talking of their great fortune they sipped at the champagne. It was not as cold as it might have been but Mr. Wygant said they had earned it A second case was taken into the barr

before morning. FIGHT OVER OWNERSHIP.

The first thing that Mr. Wygant did yes-terday morning after getting a bath and storing his gold in a safe place and eating storing his gold in a safe place and esting a breakfast was to send for a lawyer. Two other hwyers came along. One of them represented Mr. Rosenfeld, another repre-sented the hers of Jacob Hatfield. Acting under the advice of counsel Mr. Wygant at once sent out emissaries to buy back all of the gold that his men had changed into bills the night before. He was informed that if there ware a dispute about the ownthat if there were a dispute about the own-ership of the treasure it would be of the utnost importance that the other claimants nould not be able to identify the coins. or to know even approximately what their quantity was. Mr. Wygant had to buy in some of the coins at a premium, but he bought them in until there were only two

or three at large.

"I will not tell any man how much there is," he said to a SUN reporter yesterday. There are some who say that I am buffling and that I did not find anything at all. I wish to Heaven I could make everybody believe that."

One lawyer said last night: "Even if the Hatfield heirs or Mr. Rosenfeld succeed in establishing a valid claim to the gold, Mr. Wygant need only give up so much as he chooses. None of the claimants will be in a position to state exactly how much he found. But, judging by the varying accounts of its quantity, there is from \$10,600 to \$40,000 in the pile. Mr. Wygant says that the latest date he has found on any of the coins is Issa and few if any of the pieces bear date before the present century. But even so, it would seem to be rather difficult for any one now living to identify the coins. Of course, if the heirs of John D. Hatfield can prove that the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would probably award the treasure was part of his personal estate the courts would seem to rest upon his confract. The probably and the resisting the police force is perfect, but I am here to say that it will compare favorably with any other little or wrong, he is still my friend. The police force of the city of New York probably and the resistance of the leading cases in real property in this Sta

ALBANY, May 30 -President straining has had the degree of dictor of Laws con-terred upon him by the Albiny Law School, from which the President was graduated to 1867.

MISSIONER FOR PRESIDENT.

Devery's Name Unlikely to Be Presented to the Police Convention To-day-Only Four Men Cheer It at Dinner-Our Cops and Others Praised by Depewand John W. Keller The convention of police chiefs of the

United States and Canada will meet to-day for the last time to elect officers, and particularly a successor to Chief Leslie, the present presiding officer. Till yesterday afternoon it was considered almost a foregone con-clusion that the man who would be the choice of the chiefs would be Deputy Commissioner Devery. This was mainly because it has been the custom heretofore to elect as President the chief in whose city the convention is held. tA caucus of what seemed to be a majority of the chiefs, in which words were not minced in the references to the former head of the New York Police Department, was held yesterday afternoon, however, and changed in a short time all the forecasts. It is now probable that not only will Mr. Devery not be elected President of the chiefs' association, but his name will not even be presented to the convention by his friends, who, it was said last night, had been convinced by the sentiment expressed at yesterday's meeting that if he were put up he would be defeated.
It is supposed to have been Mr. Devery's to be elected President of this international organization, and up to yesterday there seemed to be a tacit understanding that he would be elected Mr. Devery himself, on the night before last, stayed at the Savoy Hotel, opening wine for the chiefs until 2 o'clock in the morning, surrounded by politicians who were his friends and who bought wine

Rumor had it vesterday that this more than anything else led to the hasty caucus which was held in a room at the hotel a :30 o'clock last night only a short time be fore the chiefs assembled for their annual dinner. At this meeting were most, if not all, of the chiefs from the South and West, nvited there no one knew how The object of the meeting was made known

at the start. It was to arrange for Devery's defeat and the election in his stead of Chief Sylvester of Washington Mr Devery's record was cited by some of the chiefs who spoke at the caucus, as the chief reason for this. One of the remarks made, which was typical of many others, came from a Southern chief who said.

"How do we know that such a man will be a policement next line as next."

chief who said.

"How do we know that such a man will be a policeman next time we meet."

The speeches apparently turned the current against bevery. It was also said that he had too much political influence in sight at the convention and that he would always be too much engaged with his own strenuous affairs in New York to be able to attend to those of the association. Chief Sylvister was urged for President because of his popularity and because it is thought that he can be of assistance in premoting the national legislation by which the chiefs want to organize a national identification bereau.

At the banquet later Mr. Devery did not say a word nor lead in a cheer. It was considered significant, however, that when a captain, in an interval between the speeches, called for three cheers for the Deputy Commissioner just four men cheered. The rest of the gathering remained silent.

At the dinner last night the out-of-town chiefs were the guests of the New York City Police Endowment Association, which is composed of the officers of the department who are above the rank of segment. As a dinner it will leng be memorable for the chiefs, little and hir, from out of town, and for the men of the New York department, from Devery down. As an aggregation of politicians it would rank faverably with the Dry Dollar Sullivan dinner, for included among the 550 diners who filled the larse banquet hall of the Savoy and all its antercoms were heads of city departments, State Senators, district leaders and lesser politicians it would rank faverably with the Senators, district leaders and lesser politicians it would rank faverably with the Senators, district leaders and lesser politicians it would rank faverably with the Senators, district leaders and lesser politicians it would rank faverably with the Senators, district leaders and lesser politicians it would rank faverably with the Senators, district leaders and lesser politicians it would rank faverably with the Senators, district leaders and lesser politicians it would rank faver

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eform the audience tarily howied. Going m, he said:

"But he must not forget that while he is rotecting the burning building men 'holier han thou' are gathering to thank God that hey are not like other men. There are men cho denounce the police, who get up every norming to resume habits a thousand—times corse. The examples set in the higher walks of life are followed in the lower. If men f finance inggle franchises is it a wonder hat this bears fruit in the lower walks of fe? If municipal politics is to be improved he start must be made higher up than the atroluum. The life of the policemen is a fe of action, not of contemplation. They are the men in whose honor we meet to-ight. We mass by the man with the hobby and we drink to the health of the man with After this the police felt so good that a entral Office detective noted for his tenor

sang "The Holy City" and got great plause senator Depew, whose entrance on the m of Capt. Titus, provoked loud applause, is the orator of the evening. He said in

When I was up assisting in the exercises at the Hall of Fame to-day it struck me why wasn't there a policeman's among the names there. There were those honored who had been great in war, but my experience in life has been that what is expected as the ordinary duty of a policeman is the performance of equal acts of heroism, and he'll get just these lines in the marging paper. hree lines in the morning paper.
It it had been a soldler who had arrested our men and sent his wounded comrade to be hospital as the result of a pitched battle.

in the centre and then sprinted across the yard.

After this there was an exhibition in the street by two companies, showing how quickly the men respond to an alarm and get to work at a fire. Truck 16 and Engine 39, which are stationed at Fire Hall and are considered the erack companies of the department, gave this exhibition. For speed and quick results the police chiefs said they never saw anything like it. Engine 39, in command of Capt King, ran to Sixty-seventh street, opposite the Seventh Regiment Armory and got a stream of water working. In fifty-two seconds, record time. Truck 16 had a ladder up on the Lessington avenue corner of the armory in three minutes, and three firemen scrambled up the ladder to the roof of the armory and came down again like greased machines. Then an extension ladder was raised and with two firemen on it was swung around in a circle and lowered to the truck with the firemen still on it. The electric cars were blocked, and this and the exhibition was witnessed by a big crowd.

by a big crowd

The boss cops were later the guests of Chief
Croker at a luncheon spread in Fire Hall,
and they gave Chief Croker three cheers and
a tiger, which he acknowledged by doffing
his cap

BOGUS MONEY IN A JACK POT. Federal Court Jury Decides That It Is Not

Crime to Use Bad Coin on Occasions, Indianapolis, May 30 -- Jesse Page was

for passing counterfeit coin and the chief selved the money. The evidence showed that Page and others were in a game of cards and a "jack pot" was the object for which hey were striving. Page opened the pot with \$10 in silver, but the complaining witness won and the money afterward proved to be After deliberating on the case, the jur

found that it was not a violation of law to open a jack pot" with spurious coin and Page was acquitted S C Chambers was charged with making

he money for Page and had entered a plea f guilty, but when the verdiet was returned ludge Baker called Chambers before him and discharged him, saying that, under the bury's erdict, he did not think Chambers ought to

POLICE SEPARATE BRIDAL PAIR. Arrest of John McCullagh When the Boat From Savannah Arrived.

John McCullagh, a passenger on the steam ship City of Augusta, from Sayannah, was arrested on his arrival in this city yesterday norning at the request of the Savannah police who had telegraphed Capt. Titus that he was wanted for forgery

Detectives Mooney and Lesson made the old them that there was a mistake somewhere, but made no fuss about going to Headquarters. He first got the permission of the detectives to talk to his wife, who was fellow passenger Mrs McCullough said she had become acquainted on the brief trip ip from Savannah

tenographer in the office of Lester & Ravenel vas married in Savannah on Tuesday afternoon to Miss Agnes Bell and left at once. It is alleged that he forged the name of the rm to a draft for \$575 n the Savannah Bank and Trust Company, and numerous other forgeries are alleged. Deputy Sheriff Sweeney left o-night to bring him back. Congressman

DID MR. ROURKE LEAVE A WIFE? Said to Have Introduced a Coney Island Woman

Barney Rourke, the Tammany Hall poli tictan who died a few days ago, leaving at estate valued at 200,000, is said to have left a widow and two children, now residing on Coney Island. One of the children, a boy of 10 years, is said to be the image of Mr Rourke The woman's maiden name was Sarah Rosenthal and her brother. Isaac Rosenthat, is well known on the East Side, Manhattan. The hotel at Coney Island where the woman now resides has been kept

where the woman now resides has been kept by her for many years.

Rourke was a frequent visitor to the place and after a time he made it a point, it is said, to introduce the woman to his friends as Mrs Rourke it is even said that a civil ceremony was gone through. The reason no religious ceremony was gone through, it is explained, was that the woman is a Jewess, while Mr. Rourke was a Roman Catholic it is said that she will make her claim at the proper time.

Mr Rourke was buried vesterday. Funeral services were held at the Roman Catholic Church of the Transfiguration in Mott street, where a requiem mass was said for the repose of his soul. A great crowd of politicians from all parts of the city w. s. present. The pallbearers were Gen. James R. O'Beirne, City Chamberlain Keenan, Police Cantain Donohue, Councilman Foley, Emil Heller, John E. Brods'v, John Fitzgibbon, Assemblyman Adler and Martin Engel.

CRANK WHO ANNOYED HELEN GOULD. Neither Will Kansas.

James H. Anderson, the crang who thinks Helen Gould is his wife, has been in the insane wasd at Bellevue Hospital since April 16, when he was arrested on the stoop of Miss tomary to transfer insane patients to Ward's Island five days after they are admitted to Bellevue, but the State refuses to take charge of Anderson, because of the expense of sending him back to his home in Newton, Kan. Two years ago he was arrested on thesane charge and it cost \$158 to ship him to kansas, where he was turned loose, because it was said there that he was sane. Now the State refuses to have anything to do with him Gould's house on Fifth avenue. It is cus-

Touderloin, said one slouth from the West
You should have seen it before the Fifteen
was born, he was told
After a few bracers the sleuths were in
hetter trim about noon and most of them
appeared at Fire Headquarters to see the
exhibition of life saving appearatins
preservers of the peace, however, seemed
his as anxious to see Chief Croker, the
nephew of Boss Croker, who doesn't recognize politics in his denartment, as to watch
his men show the most improved methods of
saving human beings at fires. Consequently,

West Shore Ticket Office Removed.

The ticket office of the West Shore Handrod, herefrom New York, Boyal Hine five-hour trains leave
foot Liberty street 13 30 A. M., 100 P. M., and the
Every Illimited (no excess fare, 340 P. M., 0ther)
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Deputy Commissioner Devery and Inspector Cross, who acted as masters of ceremonies, were kept busy introducing the visitors to Chief-Croker. They seemed to view him with some awe. Chief Croker looked unconcerned, though he said afterward that he never did so much handshaking in his life befere.

The firemen's 'exhibition began with a concert by the New York Firemen's Association Band, which was vorganized about a year ago. Chief of Instruction Henry McAdams and eighteen picked men, skilled in using scaling laders and the life net, meantime awaited the signal from Chief Croker first raised a chain of scaling ladders from the yard to the roof, seven stories up and the firemen climbed up and were lowered to the ground with a swish and a rush by the life rope. The men did their work so quickly and without a hitch that they were cheered several times.

Then the life net designed by Chief Croker was brought out. Three firemen jumped from the second-story window into the net and bounded out as if they were on springs. Each was greeted with a cheer. To Fireman Luke Flannagan of Englue 34 was assigned the part of jumping from a window on the third floor. He was dressed in woman's clothes such as rarely were seen at a fire. He wore a bright green dress and a yellow hood and when he appeared on the window ridge there was a shout from the crowd. He bounded oft, struck the net in the centre and then sprinted across the yard.

After this there was an exhibition in the street by two companies, showing how quickly was only casually mentioned. The Cuban lau night. It was generally supposed that started to scream. was only casually mentioned. The Cuban question is the one that is now giving the Administration and its friends in Congress food for thought, and it was on this subject alone that the President, the Secretary of War and the Senators consulted to-day.

The Senators came by appointment, and

little can be learned as to the immediate cause of the President's haste in asking their advice. It is known, however, that the situation in Cuba, brought about by the adoption of the Constitution by the Cuban Convention, is what causes the most serious concern, for apparently i brings the President face to face with th question of whether the time has come to consider the question of withdrawing the United States troops from Cuban terriory. The Army Appropriation bill contains the declaration that "the President is hereby authorized to leave the government and control of the island of Cuba to its people so soon as a government shall have been established in said island under a Constitution which, either as a part thereof or in an ordinance appended thereto, shall define the future relations of the United States with Cuba" substantially in accord ance with the rules laid down in the socalled Platt amendment, which the Cuban Constitution has also adopted. Evidently the President and the Secre-

tary of War are in possession of some serof information from Gen. Wood which leads them to believe that the Cuban peo ple are about to demand a fulfilment of the pledge of the United States to "leave the Government and control of the island of Cuba to its people," on the ground that a Government has been established under a Constitution which defines the future relations of the United States and Cuba, substantially as laid down in the Plats amendment. It is not admitted, of course, that such a Government has been established, even though the Constitution has been adopted, an i it has not been the opinion of public men in Washington that any such Government could be established in the near future.

But whatever may be the truth as to this itself to be now confronted with the necessity proposition from the Cuban people, looking to a withdrawal of the United States troops from the island. The seriousness of the situation and the importance of the conthat she would stay with friends with whom sultations held to-day are not denied by those who took part in them, although no trustworthy statement can be obtained as SAVANNAH. May 30 - John McCullough, to the specific questions that formed the subjects of the conferences.

KRUGER WOY IN STOCK BOOM. Said to Have Received New York Stock Market

Special Catle Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, May 30 -A story emanating Lester is a member of the firm employing from Amsterdam represents Mr. Kruger as being a considerable gainer in the recent American railway boom. It is stated that he had good information, and being a smar ousiness man, bought at the bottom and old at the top.

OBJECTED TO A NEWSBOYS' BAND. Union Musicians of Indianapolis Try to Throv

Them Out of a Procession. INDIANAPOLIS, May 30 - Considerable feeling has been engendered here against or-Union in commection with the Decoration Day exercises A parade of Grand Army men. Sons of Veterans and other organization had been arranged and several bands were employed The Newsboys' Band, made up of newsboys and in no sense professional players, volunteered their services and were ssigned to lead the column of pupils from the Manual Training School. The Musicians' Union objected to the Newsboys' Band ap pearing in the parade on the ground that the members do not belong to the unio and for a time it seemed as if the union band would not play at all

The demand created so much indignation that the union finally abandoned it and the union bands appeared in the procession.

PARADE ATTACKS A STREET CAR. Italians Resented Being Called Dagoes - Police Reserves to the Rescue.

There was a riot without casualties i East Houston street last night when somebody on a horse car yelled "look at the dagoes" when an Italian society with a band went marching by.

The Italians were marching in column of fours. Without waiting for orders from their chief the fours left-wheeled and ex-

SIX GIRLS AND A MAN DROWNED. Party in a Boat Swept Over a Dam in the Schuylkill One Man Saved.

PHILADELPHIA, May 30 .- A pleasure boat containing eight persons, six girls and two men, was swept over Flat Rock dam in the Schuylkill River, opposite Shawmont, this afternoon and only one man escaped death. The recent rains have swollen the usually quiet stream and about two feet of water was rushing over the breast, where usually there is not more

then a few inches of overflow. The party hired a large flat-bottom boat and started across the river. The two men were rowing and being the worse for pine Islands, came to Washington to-day liquor allowed the boat to go too near the dam. The girls saw the danger and the men began to row frantically. The boat still steadily neared the fall. The girls

There was a great crowd of pleasure seekers in the park and the accident was witnessed by fully 1,000 persons. Men on cases, but as a matter of fact this topic each side of the stream secured boats and launched them below the dam hoping to catch the unfortunates after they went over, it being impossible to do anything to prevent the boat upsetting.

The boat struck the breast of the dam stern on and overturned throwing all into the water. One man was seen to rise for an instant, then he was caught in the whirling water and disappeared. Then another man arose and managed to catch the boat. None of the girls, not even a glimpse of their clothing, was seen after they struck the water, and it is believed that they were caught in the rocks and held down.

The man who ching to the boat was rescued by James Sullivan and taken to shore. He is now in St. Timothy's Hospital in a dangerous condition. His name is John Moore, Those drowned were: Bertram Osmond, 19; Ray Rhetor, 18; Maizie Kenney, 16; Florence Dinsmore, 18; Florence Boyd, is; Mamie Suilivan, 17; Maud Brown, 16.

GIRL SLEEPS FOR TWO WEEKS. Cold Shower Baths Have No Effect on Her Doctors Puzzled.

MONTREAL, Oue, May 30 - A remarkable ease is now puzzling the doctors at the Hotel Dieu Hospital in this city Eliza Duquette, 24 years old, of Lacolle, Quebec, who is suffering from lethargy and catalepsy, has been asleep and unconscious for nearly a fort-

mer in Lacolle and has on many occasions ago she suddenly became unconscious O. one occasion she recovered for a few moments The treatment at the hospital is a series cold douches and when she was first placed under the ice cold water Miss Duquette chair nearby and went to sleep again. Since then she has not awakened and receives two

ington Schoolteacher. WASHINGTON, May 30. Asosciate Justice the fact is that the Administration believes | Brewer of the United States Supreme Court will marry Miss Emma M. Most at Burlingnade and few except the intimate friends of the contracting parties have been aware

> than Justice Brewer She has been a school teacher in Washington for ilfteen years, and was, until her resignation, principal of the Maury Public School. Justice Brewer is widower, hearly 64 years of age, with severa children. He has been on the Supreme bench since 1889. He is a nephew of the lat Justice Field, with whom he was associated on the bench

TEXAS OIL AS FIEL.

Guffey Company to Buy Whaleback Ships to Carry Beaumont Petroleum on the Lakes.

Petroleum Company of Texas has sent a man to Cleveland to close a deal for two whale back ocean-going ships, each capable with a little alteration, of carrying from 18,000 to 20,000 barrels of oil. Col J. M. Guffey intends to extend as far as possible the use of the can compete with Pittsburg coal, which is annually sent by the million tons to the Lake ports. Pittsburg coal costs on the average \$2.50 a ton at the Lakes and the oil can be delivered there at from 60 cents to 80 cents a barrel. Three and a half barrels of oil are equal in steam power to a ton of coal, and with oil no firemen, coal handlers or ash haulers are needed

WOULD BAR OUT NEGROES HONESTLY. Alabama Delegate Willing to Accept Reduced Representation in Congress.

stitutional Convention to-day Mr Pettus of Limestone introduced an ordinance declaring flatly that no person of African decent shall hereafter vote at any election, State or Federal He explained that he is ready to accept the penalty provided in the amendments to the Federal Constitution Another delegate, Mr. Long, has declared he is about

ready to support it SERVANT READ SHELDON'S LCCK. Then Wanted to Eat With the Family but Mrs.

Sheldon Wouldn't Have It.

COLLAR BUTTON IN "DEWEY'S" LUNGS. Russell Sage, who scarcely ever fails to visit his office in Wall street-Sundays excepted-

wrong Way—Apparently That Killed Him.

A microscopic examination of the lungs the liaij of Facce with Mrs. Sage in the after-Wrong Way - Apparently That Killed Him. of "Dewey, the ostrich that died in Central
Park on Monday, will be necessary to determine whether or not consumption caused
his death. Dr. Reynolds of the Brooklyn
Home for Consumptives made an autorsy
on "Dewey's" body at the Museum of Natural
History yesterday. He found several grains
of corn and a collar button in the lungs, which
were inflamed Dr. Reynolds thinks that
the collar button and the corn grains caused
the inflammation, and that and not consumption killed the ostrich.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

EDNA WALLACE HOPPER HIS

JOHN H. GALLATIN ANNOUNCES THAT

HE WILL MARRY THE ACTRESS.

She Says So, Too, and They Embrace Before

a Witness in Token Thereof - When Mother

Gets Well" Says the Actress - "Whenever

She Will Name the Day." Says the Clubman.

Edna Wallace Hopper and John H. Gallatin, a son of the late James N. Gallatin, announced last night their engagement to be married. The announcement was made just inside the stage entrance of the Casino, where Edna Wallace is playing in "Florodora," and the only witness was a SUN reporter. The announcement was made in response to the questions of the reporter. Mr. Gallatin's manner of telling the glad news seemed to be more enthusiastic than

that of his flancée. He put it this way: "Yes, I will marry the dearest little girl in the world as soon as she'll name the day." The corroborative statement was as for-

OWS: "I will marry him as soon as mother gets well. Mother is ill in California." Then they embraced. It was the actress

who first cried quits. She said: "Now, Jack, let me go."

It was after the show. Edna Wallace drove off alone in her cab. Gallatin went back to the Lambs' Club where he lives.

He is also a member of the Strollers, the Fencers' Club and the Seawanhaka Yacht Club. He is the owner of the sloop yacht Ilderim, which he bought several months ago of Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Gallatin is 27 years old. His father, James Nicholson Gallatin, was President of the Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor. His great-grandfather was Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury in President Jefferson's Administration The bride-to-be was DeWolf Hopper's wife who first cried quits. She said: "Now,

ESCAPED IN FRONT OF THE JAIL. Hoboken Man. Arrested for Blgamy, Gave the Constable the Slip.

Charles Whitmore, 32 years old, an agent f the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty o Animals of Hudson county, N. J., was ommitted to the county jail yesterday by Justice of the Peace Frank O'Keefe of Hoboken on a charge of bigamy. He escaped from Deputy Constable Clayton as he was being taken into the jail and the police of Jersey City are looknig for him.

John Borneman, the father of Wilhelmina Marie Borneman, Whitmore's last wife, a girl of 16, showed Justice O'Keefe a copy of a marriage certificate setting forth that Whitmore had been married to Adelaide Jacobs of 362 Bleecker street, this city, by the Rev. John Henry Lozie, on Oct. 30,

1895. They disagreed, it is said, shortly afterward and separated.
On March 3 last Whitmore married Miss. Borneman, who lived with her parents at so Bloomfield street, Hoboken, the Rev. Alexander Richter of St. Matthew's German then she has not awakened and receives two cold baths a day without any sign or movement. Her case is marked by an almost absolute loss of sensibility

JUSTICE BREWER TO MARRY.

The Bride-Elect Is Miss Emma M. Mott. a Wash-

the latter's parents. A few weeks ago
John Borneman heard that Whitmore had
another wife, who lived in Brooklyn, and
Whitmore's mother admitted that he had.
The last marriag is said to be Whitmore's
th rd, his first wife be ng dead.

Whitmore refused to make any state-ment. He was put in charge of Deputy Constable Arthur Clayton, Jr., who took of the contracting parties have been aware of their intentions. Miss Mott has gone to Burlington to prepare for the ceremony which will be performed at the home of her sister.

The bride-elect is considerably younger than Justice Brewer. She has been a school-

BOY GETS A BIG ELECTRIC SHOCK. Part of 10,000 Volts Goes Through Him - Was Thought to Be Dead for a Time.

HARIFORD, Conn., May 30 -Arthur Eudds. years old, is alive to-night, with a fair prospect of recovery, although he received a current of electricity through his body this morning which was supposed to have a voltage of 10,000. The boy was out to see a circus parade, and in order to get a better iew climbed on a shed, through which the heavy cables from the power station of the Hartford Electric Light Company pass into the underground conduits, in which they are taken through the centre of the city to the main station. These wires carry a 10,000 voltage current, which is reduced at the

the city on service
In order to lift himself up Arthur caught hold of one of the cables and received a shock. He was imable to let go the cables and dangled in the air for a minute or so, until he was taken down unconscious and apparently dead. Dr. Taylor worked over him for a long time, using artificial respiration, and was finally rewarded by seeing the boy open his mouth and begin to breathe slowly. He where he is getting better slowly and is now entirely conscious. His hands were burned and one finger was burned off. The cable which he took hold of is insulated, but is carries so powerful a current that it is always

dangerous to touch it The boy probably received only part of the force

DID HE STEAL A KISS?

Mrs. Steinmeyer Accuses Mr. McCarthy of That

Vinetand, N. J., May 30.—A crayon por-trait convasser, giving his name as George McCarthy, has been arrested and committed on a charge of assault and battery at the inlance of Mrs. Andrew J. Steinmeyer, She Sheldon Wouldn't Have It.

Topera, Kan, May 30 - The wife of the Rev C M. Sheldon does not follow in the teachings of her husband in his story, "Born to Serve," in which he declares that the servant gur should have equal privileges with members of the family. Mrs. Sheldon employed a servant, and when the first meal under the new servant's supervision was ready an extra plate was laid for her Mrs. Sheldon objected, and the young woman called her attention to her husband's story.

"I can't help that," said Mrs. Sheldon "I did not write that book, and besides, the meal hour is our only time for private conversation."

The servant left the Sheldon home to-day,

Russell Sage Makes It a Half Holiday. deposed that he came to the house in the ab-

Russell Sage Makes It a Half Holiday.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. May 30 - Regarding the alleged discovery of a new planet by Prof. Payne, director of Gordsell Observatory at Northfields, Minn. the professor wires as follows: "No new planet has been discovered at Goodsell Observatory recently."

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